

New Geneva Theological Seminary  
(Fredericksburg Campus)

Syllabus

NT505 – New Testament Exegesis I

Spring 2017

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**Course Description**

The course is designed to equip students to use the principles and tools of exegesis to correctly understand the meaning of the Greek text of the New Testament and to apply that understanding to the preparation of sermons and other means by which God's Word is brought to people.

**Overview and Objectives**

1. The student will learn a structured method for eliminating misunderstandings and for determining the likely correct meaning of the text using a variety of tools necessary for the careful study of the Greek New Testament.
2. Building upon the basic knowledge of the Greek language gained in NT504 a-c, this course will explore in more detail the grammar and syntax of the Greek with the goal of more accurately understanding the Greek text.
3. The student will be introduced to the theory and practice of textual criticism as an essential tool for assessing variant readings where these occur in the New Testament text.
4. In addition to the preparation of sermons and other educational materials, the student will be equipped to write a formal exegesis paper.

**Grading**

Homework: 20%

Quizzes: 25%

Exegesis Paper 30%

Final Exam: 25%

**Required Resources**

1. Blomberg, C. L., & Markley, J. F. (2010). *A Handbook of New Testament Exegesis*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.
2. Köstenberger, Andreas J.; Merkle, Benjamin L; Plummer, Robert L. (2016). *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek: An Intermediate Study of the Grammar and Syntax of the New Testament*. Nashville, Tennessee: B&H Academic.
3. Aland, K., Aland, B., Karavidopoulos, J., Martini, C. M., & Metzger, B. M. (2012). *Novum Testamentum Graece* (28th Edition, NA28). Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft.
4. Aland, B., Aland, K., Karavidopoulos, J., Martini, C. M., & Metzger, B. M. (Eds.). (2014). *The Greek New Testament* (Fifth Revised Edition, UBS5). Stuttgart, Germany: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft.
5. Access to <http://dailydoseofgreek.com/>

### **Supplemental Resources**

1. Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*, pub. Zondervan, 1996.
2. Fee, Gordon, *New Testament Exegesis*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Pub. Westminster John Knox, 2002.
3. Metzger, Bruce, *The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption and Restoration*. Fourth edition. Pub. Oxford University Press, 2005.
4. BDAG (Bauer, Danker ed. Arndt and Gingrich, trans.) *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Third Edition.
5. A computer based Bible Study software which includes the Greek New Testament (NA27 or higher or USB4 or higher). You should also have a number of English translations available for comparison including NIV, ESV KJV. In my opinion, the two best available are *Logos* and *Bibleworks*.

### **Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Reading Assignments</b>
01/09/17	Textual Criticism (Handbook)	Chapter 1
01/16/17	Nominative, Vocative & Accusative Cases (Deeper)	Chapter 2
01/23/17	Outlining (Handbook)	Chapter 8
01/30/17	Genitive Case (Deeper)	Chapter 3
02/06/11	Historical-Cultural Context (Handbook)	Chapter 3
02/13/17	Dative Case (Deeper)	Chapter 4
02/20/17	Literary Context (Handbook)	Chapter 4
02/27/17	The Article & Adjective (Deeper)	Chapter 5
03/06/17	Word Studies (Handbook)	Chapter 5
03/13/17	Pronouns, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Particles (Deeper)	Chapter 12
03/20/17	Grammar	Chapter 6
03/27/17	<b>Final Exam ( Exegesis Paper due 4/07/17)</b>	